

State of California
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Request for Waiver – Project Allocation
Action Item

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TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-00-20

CTC STIP GUIDELINES

SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS

STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this time extension request to December 31, 2002.

ISSUE

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP GUIDELINES*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that the Commission may extend the deadline for allocation of funds no more than one time and only if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the responsible agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The extension will not exceed the period of delay directly attributed to the extraordinary circumstance and will in no event be for more than twenty (20) months.

BACKGROUND

The Commission has programmed \$21,289,000 STIP funds in fiscal year 2001-02 to construct double track and related signal enhancements on the *San Joaquin Route*. The Department of Transportation (Department) is requesting a six (6)-month time extension, to December 31, 2002, for allocation of the funds for construction of a second main track and related signal improvements on a 23-mile segment between Escalon and Stockton in San Joaquin County. Because of potential issues identified by local agencies, the environmental phase of the project is taking longer than originally anticipated. Based on the continued discussions among the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, City of Escalon, and the Department (Division of Rail and District 10) related to the Mitigated Negative Declaration Plan, we believe the requested time extension will be sufficient to complete the environmental process.